

REMARKS


The pending claims are 23-48.

In the Final Office action dated June 6, 2003, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 26 and 27 would be allowable if the rejection to Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 was overcome and if Claims 26 and 27 were amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 23) and any intervening claims (Claim 25).

In Amendment-B, Applicants amended Claim 23 in accord with the Examiner's kind suggestions, in order to fully address the rejection of Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2. Entry of Amendment B was requested in the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. In the present Amendment-C, entry of which is requested subsequent to entry of Amendment-B, Applicants seek to amend Claim 26 to independent form by incorporating into Claim 26 all of the limitations of Claims 23 and 25. Claim 27 properly depends from Claim 26. Therefore, upon entry of the present amendments, Applicants believe that Claims 26 and 27 are allowable, and such action is respectfully requested.

As no further issues remain in this case, early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing AMENDMENT C for U.S. Application No. 10/018,623 filed December 18, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Mail Stop: RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 3rd day of December, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application, except for the issue fee, without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.



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